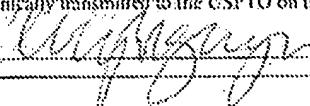


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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated June 12, 2006 for which a response was due on September 12, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to October 12, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.